

Case Number



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# SUMMONS TO COURT FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION

**PHOTO  
RED LIGHT**  
Monitoring System

John Doe  
1000 Any Street  
Anytown, USA 112345

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Fairfax County General District Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax Virginia 22030, on September 1, 2000 at 9:30 AM to answer the charge that a vehicle registered to you identified herein Failed to Obey a Traffic Signal in violation of Fairfax County Code 82-2-2.

You may avoid coming to court by prepaying \$50.00, the penalty for this violation, by 8/27/00. Payment instructions and the procedure for contesting this violation are contained on the back of this summons.

This summons has been issued to you as a result of your vehicle being photographed by the computerized red light photo monitoring system that monitors the traffic signal at the intersection listed below in violation of Fairfax County ordinance. The first photograph shows the vehicle entering the intersection after the light turned red. The second photograph identifies the vehicle as it continues through the intersection. The third photograph identifies the license plate of the vehicle entering the intersection after the light turned red. The penalty imposed for this offense shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and shall not be made a part of the operating record or used for insurance purposes. No points will be assessed against your operating record as a result of this violation. Explanations of the data categories found in the data blocks of each photo are illustrated at the bottom of this page. Please note that the sample data blocks contain sample data.

## VIOLATION INFORMATION – Failure to Obey Traffic Signal

Summons Number: R12345678

Violation Date & Time:

Location:

Vehicle Tag & Make:

Speed: 21

Number of Seconds Light Was Red At Violation in Photo 1: 0.4

I {ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE}, {Date Issued}, Clerk of the Court, have found probable cause to believe that the Accused committed the offense charged, based upon the Fairfax County Police Department certification as described below:

The Fairfax County Police Department, pursuant to Fairfax County Code 82-2-7, is responsible for inspecting photographs made by photo-monitoring equipment placed at County intersections to record red-light violations and for preparing certificates affirming the observations. At the date and time described above, a camera that was recording red light violations at the identified intersection took the photographs depicted on this Summons. I certify that the photographs were inspected by the Fairfax County Police Department and it was determined that they show that the above described vehicle entered the intersection after the light turned red.

{Police ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE}, ID# \_\_\_\_\_, Date {Date Issued}



### Photo 1 Data Block

Time (24 hour clock) → 16 48 21-09-95 ← Date (DD-MM-YY)  
 Loop Number & Yellow Time Preceding Violation → 1Y3<sup>9</sup> → Red Time Elapsed at Time of Violation  
 Violation Number → 001 → Location Code (indicates intersection and direction) 1211

**SAMPLE DATA**

### Photo 2 Data Block

Time → 16 48 21-09-95 ← Date  
 Interval Time Between 1st & 2nd Photographs → 01.5 → Red Time Elapsed at 2nd Violation Photo  
 Violation Number → 001 → Speed V=25

**You may fulfill your legal obligation as a result of this violation by following any one of the procedures below:**

- (1) Appear in court for trial for the violation described on the front of this summons. If payment is not received by the payment due date, the case will be placed on the docket for the court date indicated on the front of the summons. Failure to appear in court may result in the court holding a trial in your absence and imposing a \$50.00 penalty, or, the trial being continued to another court date (see court information below).
- (2) **If you are age 18 or older, you may avoid a court appearance by entering a written appearance and paying the \$50.00 penalty to the Court by the due date stated on the front of this summons. If you wish to do so, you must sign and date the certification below and return this summons, along with your payment:**

I certify that I have read this summons and I am entering a written appearance rather than personal appearance in the court case resulting from the violation charged on this summons. I understand that I have the right to a trial, which I am giving up. I understand that my plea of guilty will have the same force and effect as a finding of guilt by a judge. Understanding all of this, I plead guilty to the violation charged, waive my right to a court hearing, and enclose payment in the amount of \$50.00 as prescribed by law. While I understand that the record of conviction may be sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles, or other appropriate offices of the State where I received my license to drive, I understand that my plea of guilty shall not become part of my operating record nor be used for insurance purposes. No points will be assigned to my operating record.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Payment by: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order or ☐ Credit Card

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

Card Expiration Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Fairfax County General District Court.** Payments may be made by credit card by filling out appropriate card information above. **Sign above and mail this summons and payment to:** Fairfax County General District Court, Traffic Division, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Your payment or response must reach the Court by the indicated date on the front of this summons. Timely delivery by mail is the responsibility of the sender.

- (3) If you are age 18 or older, and you were not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation, you may file an affidavit by mail. Please note that knowingly making a false affidavit constitutes perjury (Va. Code sec. 18.2-105). Perjury is punishable as a Class 5 felony (Va. Code sec. 18.2-434). The punishment for a Class 5 felony is imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 10 years, or confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both (Va. Code sec. 18.2-10).

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that at the date and time of the violation listed on this summons, I was not the operator of the vehicle photographed (**This statement MUST be notarized if you have selected this option**).

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Street Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**State**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Zip**

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to in front of me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ City of \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this summons and completed affidavit to: Fairfax County District Court, Traffic Division, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax Virginia 22030

#### **COURT INFORMATION**

1. Your failure to timely pay fines imposed upon a finding of guilt may result in the suspension of your driver's license and driving privileges.
2. The final outcome on your case rests with the Court and is a matter over which the Fairfax County Police Department has no control.
3. If convicted, you have the right to appeal within ten (10) calendar days after the trial.
4. If you fail to enter a written or court appearance, you may be tried in your absence. If found guilty, the court will impose the penalty.
5. The certification on the front of this Summons, and the evidence that you were the owner, lessee or renter of the vehicle at the time of the offense, create a legal presumption that you were the person who committed the violation. You may rebut this presumption by (i) presenting to the court, before the return date, a certified copy of a police report showing that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation; (ii) testifying in open court, under oath, that you were not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation; (iii) filing an affidavit by regular mail with the Clerk of the General District Court (see (3) above).

**FOR COURT OR PAYMENT QUESTIONS CALL (703) 691-7320**

**FOR GENERAL INFORMATION CALL (703) 280-0715**

**THIS SUMMONS MUST BE RETURNED IF SENDING PAYMENT OR FILING AN AFFIDAVIT**